

I am very concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This amounts to free advertising for the Bush campaign and is not an equitable use of public airwaves. If Sinclair insists on airing a one-sided program like "Stolen Honor", then they should also air a program on the other side such as "Going Upriver". I believe, however, that it is far preferable to show neither.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But letting large companies control the airwaves demeans our democracy. Rather than airing more political rhetoric, the public airwaves should show us real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules and make the license renewal process more meaningful. Thank you.